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Community Project works in South Kanara.

* 422 Q.—Sri N. N. SUVARNA: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how much has been spent so far by the Government from the fund allotted for the Community Project works in South Kanara and how much on the establishment by way of salaries and allowances; and

(*b*) whether the Government have sent instructions to the Collector, South Kanara, to exclude the M.L.As. concerned from the Project Advisory Executive Committee, and if not, will the Government direct the Collector concerned to include them?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) Rs. 45,330 up to the end of March 1953. Of this sum, Rs. 31,950 were spent on the establishment by way of pay and allowances. The large percentage of expenditure on establishment is due to the fact that the staff was engaged mainly on preliminary surveys and preparatory work during the half-year ending 31st March 1953 and very few works could then be taken up for execution. When the scheme comes to a close the percentage of expenditure on works will be far greater than that on staff. The provision in the Community Projects Administration Budget for staff is about 8 per cent of the total estimated expenditure in respect of a Project.

" (*b*) The answer to the first part is in the negative. As regards the second part, under existing orders the Project Executive Committee will have, in addition to the officials and the president, district board, four non-officials who are intimately concerned with the Community Project area and/or who are interested in social work in the district. As the executive committee is concerned only with implementation of plans approved by the advisory committee Government do not consider it necessary to alter the existing composition of the executive committee.".

Community Project Works at Samalkot.

* 423 Q.—Sri SAKA VENKATA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) what works have begun in Community Projects Scheme at Samalkot in Kakinada taluk; how many coolies and staff are working; and

(*b*) for the inauguration of Community Projects at Samalkot, how much money was spent?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) No work has yet been undertaken in the area referred to. Some money was spent in printing invitations for the inauguration and nothing else as yet. The fact is that local subscriptions and collections cover most of the expenditure undertaken."

SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO ;—" సదరు స్కీము క్రింద ఇప్పటికి ఎన్ని బాల్యవివాహాలు చేశారో చెప్పగలరా ? "

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" The hon. Member Sri Saka Venkata Rao wants to know whether it is part of the duties of the Community Project Officer at Samalkot to perform child marriages."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry I am unable to catch the humour of it."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know how many people are employed in the Community Projects Scheme at Samalkot? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" At the time the answer to this question was prepared, no work had been taken up. I am not able to give the answer to this supplementary question now. A separate question may be put if an answer is wanted."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Community Project Officer at Samalkot has involved himself in some prosecutions for child marriages? That is the humour in the supplementary question put by Sri Saka Venkata Rao."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I did not know it. Due notice will be taken of such developments."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" From the answer that the Hon. Chief Minister gave it is evident that very little has been done in the Community Projects."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not only an opinion but an incorrect opinion."

(Sri T. N. Venkatasubba Reddi was still standing.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" As soon as the hon. Member has put a question, he must resume his seat."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" I have not yet finished the question, Sir. From the figures given about the amount spent on the Community Project, I concluded that very little had been done. May I know why it is so? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The answer relating to this particular Community Project should not be applied to other Community Projects.

" So far as this Community Project is concerned, I said that works were started for which most of the money required had been raised locally. Probably this is a better form of Community Project than simply spending doles received from other Governments. The construction of an open air theatre, the Thulyabhaga lift irrigation scheme estimated to cost Rs. 1,50,000, the Biccavolu Lingala Tank, lift irrigation scheme estimated to cost Rs. 20,000, construction of sheds for training centre for village guides—these schemes are in the

Community Project last referred to. Out of the estimated cost of the Thulyabhaga lift irrigation scheme, a sum of Rs. 1,00,000 has been lent to the Electricity department by the Community Project Administration. The balance of Rs. 50,000 has been subscribed by the ryots concerned and the work is likely to take shape in course of time. No judgment should be passed about that Community Project at this stage. In other Community Projects, the work is totally different and a large amount of actual work has been done."

Procurement of paddy in Andhra districts.

* 424 Q.—Sri G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of paddy procured according to the Levy orders of Government in the Andhra districts this year;

(*b*) the quantity of paddy and rice sent to other districts from Andhra districts; and

(*c*) the stock-position of foodgrains (stock available with Government) for Andhra districts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) to (*c*) Statements[a] are placed on the table of the House."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" The figures given in the statement placed on the table relate to the period up to 29th March 1953. I do not know how much paddy was removed from the districts comprising the Northern Circars since then. At present the food position is very bad even in Krishna district which is one of the food-producing centres. The agricultural labourer is clamouring for food even to-day. The landlords are not releasing for sale the food stocks available with them, because they expect a higher price later on. Will the Government open fair price shops in all the villages of the Krishna district? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are opening fair price shops wherever there is need."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Has it come to the notice of the Government that foodgrains have been exported from deficit districts like Visakhapatnam and that godowns have been emptied to the last grain? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know what he means by exports. We have formed zones and the movement of paddy or rice within each zone is not controlled at all."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have placed fifty questions for to-day and I want to finish all the questions within the question hour."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 89–90 infra.